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FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5370

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SCUL IC

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE JOHNNY CASH APPEARANCE IN ICELAND

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ARTIST CONSULTANTS, OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH STATES IT IS PERSONAL MANAGER AND COORDINATOR FOR JOHNNY CASH, THE COUNTRY AND WESTERN SINGER. THE LETTER STATES THAT MR CASH IS MAKING A TOUR OF EUROPE THIS SUMMER AND HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PLAYING REYKJAVIK EITHER ON THE WAY TO OR BACK FROM EUROPE.

2. THE LETTER WAS DATED MAY 14. BUT RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY ONLY ON MAY 27. IN VIEW OF THIS DELAY WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S RELAYING BY TELEPHONE TO ARTIST CONSULTANTS THE REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONS POSED IN ITS LETTER. ARTIST CONSULTANTS NUMBER IS CRESTVIEW 3-5050. ADDRESS: SUITE 503, 8899 BEVERLY BLVD., LOS ANGELES 90048. THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY THOMAS ROBIN.

3. REPLIES: 1) WORK PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR AMERICANS PERFORMING IN ICELAND AND NORMALLY ARE OBTAINED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY BY THE LOCAL IMPRESARIO. 2) WE ARE INFORMED BY HEAD OF ICELAND NATIONAL BANK FOREIGN-EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT THAT AN EXCHANGE OF KRONUR TO DOLLARS NORMALLY IS ARRANGED BY THE LOCAL IMPRESARIO, WHO WOULD APPLY TO THE BANK FOR THE FOREIGN CURRENCY. THERE HAS BEEN NO LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF SUCH TRANSACTIONS, ALTHOUGH IN VIEW OF PRESENT DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION VERY LARGE AMOUNTS MIGHT BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. HOWEVER, UNTIL NOW THERE HAVE

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BEEN NO DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING FOR CURRENCY EXCHANGE BY

VISITING ARTISTS. 3) THE ONLY ACTIVE IMPRESARIO IN ICELAND KNOWN TO US IS MR. OMAR VALDIMARSSON, BUSTADAVEGI 103, REYKJAVIK. TELEPHONE IS 32025. WE DO NOT LIST THE ICELANDIC-AMERICAN SOCIETY, MENTIONED IN ROBIN'S LETTER, AS A POSSIBLE IMPRESARIO BECAUSE IT HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN IMPRESARIAL ACTIVITY.

4. MR CASH IS WELL-KNOWN AND POPULAR IN ICELAND, AND THE EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME AN APPEARANCE BY HIM HERE.

5. ARTIST CONSULTANTS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER CONSULTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OR THE USO CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY ALSO OF A PERFORMANCE AT THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE BASE AT KEFLAVIK.

6. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASE TO REPLY TO ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING AN APPEARANCE BY MR. CASH.  
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